ANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Detentions in Gujarat under Terrorists and Disruptive Activities Act

289. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have been detained so far in Gujarat under the Terrorists and Disruptive Activities Act; and

(b) how many of them are proven terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 2234 persons have been arrested under the Act in Gujarat.

(b) This would be known after completion of trial.

Condition of Bonded Labour in a Village of Maharashtra

290. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times' of the 7th September, 1987 to the effect that over 500 families comprising 2,000 men and women from Orissa and Andhra Pradesh bonded nine years ago in a village of Maharashtra are living in inhuman conditions and are suffering from malnutrition;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof; and

(c) whether any action has since been taken to get them freed from bondage and to provide alternative jobs to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the responsibility for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers lies with the concerned State Governments. In the instant case, the State Government of Maharashtra has been requested to take necessary action in the matter and send us a report.

Review of the Working of the Central and State Handicrafts Corporations

291. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered committee was set up last year to review the working of the Central and State Handicrafts Corporations;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the essential features of the report; and

(d) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee submitted its report on 20th August, 1987.

(c) In its report the Committee headed by Shri S. G. Bose Mullick has called for increase in budgetary support from State Governments for their handicrafts corporations and cooperative societies for speeding up the tempo of development of the handicrafts sector.

The 253-page report reviewing production, marketing and export of handicrafts has suggested a framework and programme for the marketing of handicrafts in the decade hence.

The Committee recommends that the Centre should meet up to 75 per cent of the capital expenditure in the

setting up of raw material depots in areas where handicrafts are yet to develop. In other areas the quantum of central assistance, the Committee suggests, should be stepped up to 60 per cent as against 50 per cent envisaged in the existing scheme.

The Committee has emphasized the need for greater interaction between the Government and voluntary agencies, and suggested that the schemes being operated by the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) be extended to voluntary oaganisations working all over the country. Such schemes are categorically stated as setting up raw material depots/common facility centres, opening and renovation of sales outlets, exhibitions, supply of improved tools and equipment, apprenticeship training scheme and product design assistance.

In view of the poor resource base of the voluntary agencies, it has been recommended that the pattern of assistance should be modified to raise the Central Government share to 75 per cent with 25 per cent being the share of these bodies. The States should follow this pattern.

The welfare programme for handicraftsmen includes old age pension/ or assistance and medical benefits, and group insurance for craftsmen.

The major recommendations of the Bose Mullick Committee Report are inclusion of more handicrafts items in the list reserved by the DGS & D, equity participation by the Centre for relatively small and new Corporations/Apex Societies, the strengthening of design centres, the establishment of procurement centres and the setting up of a research and development cell.

Special financial assistance by the Centre has been recommended to enable the State Handicrafts Development Corporations/Apex Societies by the Centre to enable them to undertake market surveys, participate in buyer-seller meets, international fairs. In exploring the export market and eligibility conditions for these agencies for the Market Development Fund (MDF) should be amended.

Appointment of an Export Manager by the State Corporations has been suggested to assist in product development and exploration of international markets for export marketing.

(d) The Government, after careful consideration of the report, has incorporated some of the recommendations in the Annual Plan proposals for 1988-89 for the development of handicrafts in the Central Sector.

Dialogue with Naga Rebels

292. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Nagaland has of late suggested the holding of a dialogue with the Naga rebels; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No such suggestion has been made to Government of India.

(b) Question does not arise.

श्रम मंत्रालय में हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति

293. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय से सम्बद्ध हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति की इस वर्ष कितनी बैठकें हुई और राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति में सभी स्तरों पर गैर-सरकारी सदस्यों को पर्यवेक्षक के रूप में नामित किए जाने के सम्बन्ध में क्या स्थिति है ;

(ख) मंत्रालय, इसके विभागों, संस्थानों और अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों में, हिन्दी अनुभाग को छोड़कर किस-किस अनुभाग में शत-प्रतिशत कार्य हिन्दी में किया जा रहा है तथा यह किस-किस